MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Even-aged harvest on 127 acres of approximately 3996 Mbf of State Timber, Sleepy Timber Sale, Application No. 30-077329 and Forest Practice Application No. 2703685.

Description of mitigation: Both units are to be regeneration harvested, leaving approximately 6-11 trees per acre as shade/protection for advance regeneration, legacy trees, wildlife cover, snag/down woody debris recruitment, future stand structure, and as a natural seed source for the future stand. Leave trees consist primarily of Douglas-fir, with scattered grand fir individuals. The units are to be planted with Douglas-fir seedlings following harvest. No Douglas fir, ponderosa pine or wesern larch trees 28" DBH or larger and 160 years of age or older will be harvested as part of this proposal. Increment boring of larger older trees shows a stand age of approximately 105 years old.Roads will be maintained to allow for proper drainage. Main skid trails will be water barred or have slash scattered on them where operable. Units #1-11 trees per acre and Unit #2 - 6 trees per acre will be left across all diameters, including Douglas-fir and grand fir. Trees selected for retention will provide wildlife habitat function within the future stand. Existing snags will be retained wherever possible.

Proponent: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Parts of Section 20 and 29, Township 4 North, Range 12 East, W.M., Klickitat County, approximately 10 miles northeast of White Salmon WA located off of the Lyle-Snowden road.

Lead agency: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[] There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from August 16, 2006. Comments must be submitted by August 30, 2006.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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